

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee	
Total Claims	16		20	=	0	_ x	\$ 18.00	=	_\$	0
Independent Claims	1		3	_ =	0	_ x	\$ 86.00	=	\$	0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims \$290.00					\$290.00	=	\$	0		
Total Additional Fee								\$	0	
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)								\$		

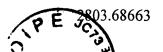
- Preliminary Amendment. (X)
- If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached (X) response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Kazuhiko Kageyama

Serial No.:

10/696,422

Conf. No.:

7118

Filed:

10/29/2003

For:

STORAGE DEVICE EMPLOYING

REPLACEABLE STORAGE

MEDIUM

Art Unit:

2652

Examiner:

Watko, Julie Anne

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.

Date

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Attorney for Applicant(s)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2003 in the parent of this application (Serial No. 09/814,079), please amend the application as follows: